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MICHAELIS DODGES PEACE ISSUE AND STIRS UP A STORM

Government Duplicity in Its **Attitude Toward Reichstag** Resolution Is Feared.

DEMANDED CHANCELLOR TAKE A DEFINITE STAND

Majority Leaders Not Inclined to Grant "Elbow Room" on "No-Annexation" Policy.

COPENHAGEN, August 25 .- Yesteray's session of the main committee of the reichstag was productive of furthe Michaelis' attitude on peace which the latest German papers or nass of reports and comments on nittee meetings yesterday and shows that Dr. Michaelis h of July 19, and the situation party representatives endeav-

Herr Erzberger's View.

Herr Erzberger, the centrist leader, All other views ranged from rwaerts, the socialist organ ed to give the chancellor the

a word of protest, one nothing to shake

Newspapers representing the majority party accuse the pan-Germans of attempting to use Chancellor Michaelis as a "battering ram" against the coalition, relying for success for their tactics upon the difficulty of the chancellor's position and the fact that he is a newcomer in the arena of practical politics.

The conservative organs make counter charges that the majority parties are endeavoring to force the chancellor into alaxish submission to their peace program and generally are seeking to run the government. That is about the gist of the press warfare which has followed Wednesday's flurry.

Much of this comment makes engrossing reading, and the outside world may come into possession of it when the Berlin newspapers reach nearby neutral capitals.

Considers Economic Problems.

The crisis was precipitated by speeches at the session of the main committee of the reichstag, made by Dr. Edward David, the socialist leader, and Mathias Erzberger of the center party. They cited that Dr. Michaelis in declaring his adhesion to the reichstag resolution of July 19 introduced the all-important and gratifying phrase, "As I interpret it," against his agreement with the majority parties and without hinting in the preliminary confidential discussions that he contemplated such limitation.

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The speakers pointed out that the conservatives and pan-Germans, including such prominent personages as Count Schwerin, president of the Prussian diet, were everywhere declaring that the chancellor had deliberately introduced the gratifying words to se-

of the government organs unfortunate-ly gave color to the boast that the government really favored the annexa-tionist program.

Free Reign for Pan-Germans.

The censorship gave free reign to the pan-German campaign, but hampered in every possible way the efforts of those working on the basis of the reichstag resolution. The semi-official news agency colored its news service to assist the circulation of the annexationist propaganda. The speech of the socialist Philipp Scheidemann was forbidden despite government assurances, and the military authorities, openly working against the reichstag's decision, ended by demanding whether Chancellor Michaelis still adhered to his assent to the terms of the resolution.

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Charges Duplicity.

our, returned to the regarding peace conditions as pub-lished by James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador to Berlin, were a further proof of the duplicity of the

German peace policy.

Count Friedrich von Westarp, conservative, contended that the resolution had only a harmful effect and must be thrown overboard. Peace, he declared, should be concluded on the basis of Germany's military victories.

Purpose of Chancellor.

LONDON, August 25 .- Despite Gernan official denials, says the Amsterdam man official denials, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telègraph Company, the German newspapers assert that Chancellor Michaelis has decided to make Alsace-Lorraine a federal duchy, with Herzog von Urach, a member of the third ducal line of the Wurttemberg house, the reigning duke. A majority of the Alsatian members of the relenstag are said to have approved the decision. Special dispatches from Amsterdam represent the scene in the reichstag main committee Wednesday over Chancellor Michaelis' attitude on the Deace resolution as a storm which Renewal of fighting in beace resolution as a storm which would have resulted in ousting him from office in a democratic country. According to these accounts, Dr. Michaelis was challenged to explain his real attitude toward the peace resolution

Laborious Explanation.

Mr. Michaelis, in replying, made a la-borious explanation, in which, while approving the general spirit of the res-olution, he said differences of opinion were possible regarding the details, and he had, in fact, noted such difference among the majority parties. This provoked an outburst on the part of the representatives of the majority parties, in the name of which Herr Friedrich Ebert, socialist leader, made a declaration practically charging the chancellor with falsehood.

ment prosecute a definite peace policy.

After the luncheon interval the chan-ellor, it is said, again accepted the pirit of the peace resolution, but mem-ers were greatly dissatisfied. The ma-

The Tageblatt says the affair is not merely of passing importance, nor can it be glossed over by a few smooth phrases. The paper contends it is clear that Chancellor Michaelis has not sufficient authority to control the situation, chiefly because he, was chosen without the popular representatives having been consulted.

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panions of Honor of Order of the British Empire.

LONDON, August 25.—The first list of

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Joint director of the Press Bureau: Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Carruthers, better known as Violet Markham, author and formerly director and assistant director of the women's section of the National Service Department; William J. Davis, as Brass Workers and Metal Mechanics' Union: G. J. Wardle, National Union of Railwaymen, and Alexander Wilkie, Shipwrights' Union.

There are fifty-two names of men on the list who executed some action requiring coolness and courage. Several women receive medals for fighting fires in munition factories and others for continuous work in the factories, while the men named include old men, who, having retired, returned to their benches at the outbreak of the war, and shipwrights who executed repairs to warships during action.

AIRMEN BIG FACTORS

Keep Advancing Infantry in Con stant Touch With Post Commandant, Enduring Many Hardships.

The chancellor's presence at great headquarters has brought I lult to the general political debate, and the reichstag main committee is considering connomic problems.

To the socialist and radical press in Germany Wednesday's political crisis is not altogether unwelcome, as they believe it tends to clear the intolerable situation and to force Chancellor Michaells to show his colors in the campaign which the pan-Germans, conservatives and army and navy groups are waging, ostensibly with his support, against a peace without annexations and indemnities.

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messengers were stopped by gas rages, the infantry never lost t with the post commandant as aviators regulated their advance the barrage fire of the artillery.

TO INCREASE AVIATION CORPS.

Military Colleges Asked to Supply Officers for Service. spatch to The Star.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., August 25.—The military colleges of the country are to be appealed to to supply officers for the greatly increased aviation corps, according to information received here today, Acting upon the request of Brig. Gen. Squire, chief signal officer of the Army and now in charge of aviation, the authorities at St. John's Military College are today engaged in selecting three graduates of the college for nomination to second lieutenancies in the Aviation Corps.

Capt. Duncan Elliot, recently on duty at Fort Myer, has been assigned to St. John's as military instructor and commandant of the cadet battalion. He has arrived at Annapolis and is now making plans for the college battalion organization immediately upon the opening of St. John's, September 13.

FORTIFIED WORKS TAKEN BY FRENCH

Further Progress Scored Near Bethincourt on the Verdun Front.

BRITISH GAIN AT LENS

Having gained their principal ob jectives on the Verdun front, the French are completing their victory by their new lines. Profiting by the capture of Hill 304 yesterday, they ad-

Renewal of fighting in the Champagne may be forecast by the statethe vicinity of Bixschoote, the big guns are heavily engaged.

No further infantry actions on a large scale are reported by the British, although they were successful in minor operations last night. A German trench position west of Lens, of local importance, and a post near Lombaertzyde were captured with prisoners. Near Epehy, northwest of St. Quentin, there is increasing activity, with heavy artillery fighting under way. No further infantry acti

French Official Report.

ly the Associated Press.
PARIS, August 25.—The official state-"In Belgium there were rather vio

ent artillery engagements in the region "South of St. Quentin our detach-

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FOR HARD TRAINING

Other Units Soon to Join Bat-

tery A at Camp McClel-

lan, Anniston.

FULL QUOTA BY AUGUST 30

CAMP McCLELLAN, Anniston, Ala.

August 25 .- Other units of the Na-

tional Guard of the District of Colum-

and begin quick, hard, intensive train

Ready for Full Quota August 30.

seventy buildings.

ents penetrated a German trench yes-rday evening and brought back thir-one prisoners. Another raid west of natheon also resulted in the taking of rnatheon also resulted in the taking of prisoners.

"In the Champagne the artillery fighting became intense in the region of the heights. Enemy surprise attacks near Vauquois and northeast of Avocourt were completely repulsed. On the left bank of the Meuse our troops made new progress north of Hill 304. In a brilliant action last night they carried three fortified works in the vicinity of Bethincourt. The number of unwounded prisoners taken on the left

vicinity of Bethincourt. The number of unwounded prisoners taken on the left bank of the river yesterday was 450. This brings up the total to 8,101. "The night was calm on the remain-der of the front."

Slight Gain at Lens. LONDON, August 25 .- The officia

statement of today follows: "By successful attacks carried ou with slight casualties last night west of Lens we captured a short length of German trench of some local imporom the king has conferred during the night in the neighborhood created orders of "combonor" and "order of the re" was issued last night.

"We also captured an enemy possible to the night in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde and secured a few prisoners and a machine gun. There was considerable artillery activity early this morning east of Epehy."

Reverse for British.

headed by Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian Smuts and includes K. B. Quinan of California, who is mentioned for "special work in connection with the explosives supply of the ministry of munitions."

Others who have obtained the companions of honor for vafious activities in connection with the war include: Henry Gosling, president of the Transport Workers. Factories in this region. The Germans have lost heavily under the fire of the British guns. The communication says:

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"This morning the enemy strongly counterattacked with fresh troops the positions gained by us on Wednesday in the neighborhood of the Ypres Menin road. He repeated his assaults with great violence throughout the day and forced back soon as he has inspected it.

our advanced troops.
"Flerce fighting has taken place in the effectively by our artillery. The enemy's losses in the stubborn fighting which has taken place all day are heavy.

"We advanced our lines slightly during the night southeast of St. Julien and took several prisoners."

Berlin Reports Reverse.

BERLIN, August 25, via London.—
The German line on the northern
fringe of Herenthag wood, in the region of the Ypres-Menin road, has been
pushed back somewhat by the British,
the war office announces. The Germans are reported to have captured
Billemont farm, south of Vendhuille.

IN BATTLE OF VERDUN Cites American Fliers

By the Associated Press.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY, THURSDAY, August of American airmen enlisted in the army orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the many orders Thursday for its courage of American airmen enlisted in the will be said spirit of sacrific. The citation, which is signed by Gen. Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armines operating on the French armines operating on the French armines of the courage of the command of Capt. Georges Thenault, for France in the pure spirit of sacrifice, has fought incessantly under the command of Capt. Georges Thenault, losses, which, far from weakening, who formed it for an ardent fight against our enemies. In very severe called we demand a corporal in a sortic against watermelon the camp, found the field wednesday. Frances and legends had been covered in the will read the command of Capt. Georges Thenault, who formed it for an ardent fight against our enemies. In very severe called we demand a corporal in a sortic against watermelon the camp, found the field wednesday. Frances and legends had been covered in the will read the command of Capt. Georges Thenault, who formed it for an ardent fight against our enemies. In very severe called we demand a corporal in a senter of the capt. The captives were called to to dear the capt. The captive were called when the dear the presence of the moral of the capt. The captive was a method to the command of Capt. Georges Thenault, who formed it for an ardent fight soldiers trying to get away with twe melons applied. The captive was a method to the court dependent

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Painleve has addressed a warm letter of thanks to Gen. Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies on the French front. Congratulating him, his officers and thier men on their recent triumph before Verdun.

"You, whom history already recognizes as the glorious defenders of Verdun," says the letter, "have now achieved your aim by definitely driving the enemy from the crown of heights from which he still threatened the inviolate city."

The letter adds that the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor has been conferred on Gen. Petain. The decree conferring this distinction ends with the brief but eloquent sentence, "He defended and saved Verdun."

Pittsburgh Packing Plant Burned.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 25.—Over 500,000 pounds of meat valued at \$150.—000 were consumed in a fire which last night gutted the Pittsburgh plant of the Hammond Packing Company. The fire is believed to have originated in a room where some meats were being smoked. The efforts of the city's entire fire-fighting force were required to confine the games to the one building.

REPORTS ON MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

NO. IT WILL

GIVE YOU NO

Herman L. F. Lagercrantz Predicts Sweden and America Will Agree on Export Controversy.

STOCKHOLM, August 35.-Herman I F. Lagercrantz, ex-Swedish minister to the United States, expressed satisfac- LETTER TO WAR SECRETARY tion at the result of his visit to America, where he went as a special envoy n connection with exports.

the greatest consideration and courtesy," said Count Lagercrantz, "and I been laid for obtaining a satisfactory

will be twenty-six officers in the diported here. They will work in the big base hospital which is to occupy Getting all the troops destined for

or some time, but the negotiations in America will be continued by Hjalmar Lundbohm, a prominent business man, who will sail soon. I trust I have made who will sail soon who will sail so who

Col. I. W. Littell of the Quartermaster Corps, in charge of all cantonment construction, has directed that the An-

White House Authorizes Denial Speech Will Be Made to Congress Coincident With Reply to Pope.

corps, in charge of all calculations construction, has directed that the Anniston camp be ready to receive its full quota by August 30.

Although no official orders have been received for the movement of the remaining units of the District Guard, the announcement of the date when the camps will be in readiness to receive them practically assures that the units will be ordered to entrain before September 1.

There is good authority for the statement that the New Jersey troops may be withdrawn from Camp McClellan and that an entire division may be formed of New Jersey men. Fourteen thousand men, are already in that state's fighting force and only 5,000 more are needed to bring it to division strength. Talk in Congress that President Wilso might possibly address the national body on the subject of peace when he makes effectually silenced today, when the White House let it be known in emphatic terms that the President has no such intention. Some senators who thought they had an inside view of what the President was planning discussed it as a probability yesterday. The statement at the White House today was unconsidered to the statement at the White House today.

St. Mary's river. It is claimed that one of the soldiers who reported the incident informed newspaper men that Benninghaus was in the launch. It developed later, according to the authorities, that the man's name was Benoit.

Mr. Benninghaus, a native of Canada, has on more than one occasion proved his loyalty to the Canadian and American military forces local officials said A District of Columbia soldier also was the principal in an amusing incident which tried his courage. A large bear belonging to the Vircan military forces, local officials said today. He is the owner of a launch, which is quite well known on the river, but the boat was not in use at the time of the shooting.

MAY SETTLE MINE TROUBLE. Secretary Wilson Likely to Know

Result of His Efforts Today. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 25.-Se etary of Labor Wilson probably will know before night if he has been successfu in his efforts to bring about a settlement of differences between union coal miners

MORE LIBERAL RULE RELATING TO DRAFT

President Advises Radical Change in the Policy Toward Married Men.

able to take care of the wife and children.

mand for necessities is bona fide, and that we are not acting as a medium for supplying America's enemies with any such things as we want from her."

PRESIDENT NOT TO MAKE

ANY ADDRESS ON PEACE

To many injustices, it is freely admitted to find the president has taken a firm hand in the situation and will endeavor to see that they continue no longer. Many senators have protested to the President concerning the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army injustices, it is freely admitted.

The War Department's view has led to many injustices, it is freely admitted in official circles, but it is known that the President has taken a firm hand in the situation and will endeavor to see that they continue no longer. Many senators have protested to the President concerning the manner in which young married men have been taken for the Army, leaving their families under the humiliation of asking for support from relatives.

Authority Under Draft Law.

As the President is empowered by the draft law to make the regulations under which it will be carried out, the effect of his letter to Secretary Baker is to throw his influence toward a more liberal policy for exemption of married by the provost marshal general's office.

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and other northwestern states with coal at reasonable prices, particularly during the present period of coal shortage in the northwest, will receive Mr. Fairchild's immediate attention. He is to help those officials of the commission who have this specific matter directly in their charge.

ENGLISH THOUGHT HOUSTON IS FREED

Squarely on Germany by Lord Robert Cecil.

occupied with domestic affairs, partic-ularly the Irish question, to the almost complete exclusion of international

Warnings Fell on Deaf Ears.

LONDON, August 25 .- "I see they again are talking in Germany about ow England started the war," remarked Lord Robert Cecil, minister of come, particularly in the United States, when it is well to restate briefly the bald facts regarding the beginning of murder by District Attorney

this great conflict.
"Frankly, I do not think any one The entire 633 members of the battalio inywhere can honestly believe that England began the war. If any person had arisen in a public assemblage in entrained by daybreak and shortly after this country two weeks before the war began and asserted that in a fortnight Snow did not accompany the battallon, as he has been detailed as major to the National Army camp at Little Rock, Ark.

With the arrival today of Maj. Gen. George Bell, jr., investigation of the shooting was scheduled to begin. we would be plunged into the greatest international conflict the world has ever seen, the speaker would have been lunatic. Our people's thoughts were the farthest possible from war and Trial by Military Court. our statesmen were overwhelmingly

That by military court.

The fate of the hundred or more negressoldiers, who are alleged to have participated in the rioting today is in the hands of military, notwithstanding the decision of District Attorney John H. Crooker in filing murder charges against thirty-four of the men. Gen. Bell indicated that there was slight possibility of any of the men being returned here for civil trial.

"I assume," Gen. Bell said, "that the local authorities will seek to try the men against whom charges have been filed. However, their disposition is in the hands of the military. They will be court-martialed."

Warnings Fell on Deaf Ears.

"It is true that some of our people had been saying for a year or more before that time that Germany intended to attack us, but their warnings fell on deaf ears, so much so that no preparations were made.

"Certainly we did not start the war. Who did? I think the answer is unquestionable. For at least a year before the war began Germany had definitely made up her mind to fight.

"An Italian writer has told us how, in 1913, Germany approached the Italian government with a view to taking action in the Balkans, but Italy said she would regard such a war as offensive and not defensive and would not lend her support. Germany withdrew her proposals, as she did not think she then was strong enough to go it alone.

Crown Prince Desired War.

"American Ambassador Gerard has told us the German crown prince made no secret of his desire for war, and that he even expressed the hope that it would come before his father died; and he added that if it did not come as soon as he, namely, the crown prince, ascended the throne.

"Balfour's secretary, Ian Malcolm, has also quoted his conversation with the crown prince in which the prince suggested that England and Germany should combine to destroy France.

"There is no question but that Germany whad made up her mind that somewhere about the summer of 1914 would be somewhere about the summer of 1914 would be committed murder."

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Sir Edward Grey Balked.

OFFICIALS HOLD RUSSIAN.

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FINDS CONCERTED ACTION

TO RAISE PRICE OF PAPER

Charges of concerted action to raise book paper prices were made by the pook paper prices were made by the Federal Trade Commission today in formal complaints filed against twentys three manufacturers and the head of their bureau of statistics.

Boris de Laskine, Detained in San particularly expressed because of the savageness displayed by the negroes toward the white police officers, who were slain and whose bodies in nearly every instance had been hacked with department of State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian governmental situation.

He was taken into custody yesterday on his arrival from Honolulu, but Department of Justice operatives would not indicate their reason for detaining the cause of the rouble would reach a crisis so the Russian government, was found the rouble would reach a crisis so the Russian government, was found the rouble would reach a crisis so the Russian government, was found the particularly expressed because of the savageness displayed by the negroes toward the white police officers, who were slain and whose bodies in nearly every instance had been hacked with department of State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of Justice of the Department of State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of Justice of the State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of Justice of the Popertment of State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of Justice of the State in Washington, concerning developments in the Russian government of Justice of the Calmington, concerning the cause of the savageness displayed by the negroes toward the white pol

Blame for Conflict Placed Soldiers Who Shot Up Town

ONE CENT.

Disarmed and Sent to Columbus, N. M.

BERLIN EAGER FOR FRAY GEN. BELL BEGINS INQUIRY

with the Associated Press. "It is an taken from here and started toward Coold song, but I think the time has lumbus N. M. early today. Among them

ing them to remain quiet. Maj. Snow has sent his official report of the affair to Maj. Gen. James Parker at Fort Sam Houston.

Disarmed and quiet, the men worked

Houston.

Disarmed and quiet, the men worked steadily nearly all night in preparation for the trip to Columbus. Every precaution was taken to avoid any trouble as departure was made. The chief fear of the authorities was that some one might attempt interference at the last moment. As a result, the vigilance of the white guard around the camp and the soldiers and civilians who patrolled the streets was strained to the utmost. With 502 men of the 19th Infantry from Fort Sam Houston. San Antonio and 250 regulars from Fort Crockett, Galveston, on hand protection was thought to be adequate.

Flanked by a full battalion of the 19th Infantry, under Col. Millard F. Waitz, and three companies of the Coast Artillery from Fort Crockett, the negro soldiers were marched four abreast to the arade grounds, where their arms were stacked. Army trucks then loaded the rifles and ammunition and conveyed them to the camp storehouse, where they were placed under heavy guard.

ons moved on Belgrade.

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Bodies of Victims Mutilated. Indignation over the outbreak was

particularly expressed because of the